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Letter to the Editor

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The Editor
Appomattox Times-Virginian
Dear Sir:

A Russian One Way Street

The Communist Party newspaper of the Soviet Union, **Pravda**, recently accused American "enemies" of a new strategic arms limitation treaty of trying to "choke" the newborn baby in its cradle" by blocking the Senate ratification. The commentator, Nikolai Kurdyumov, in a lengthy analysis from Washington, D.C., also cautioned U.S. politicians against linking the Salt II Agreement with other issues.

Those and many other facts show us that the Communists of the Soviet Union are responsible for their interference in the internal affairs of the United States by attacking the opponents of the Salt II agreement. Besides, they dictate their terms of a new arms limitation treaty to the United States.

Thus, it is obvious that the Salt II agreement would be very advantageous to the Soviet Union.

Informed persons realize that detente between the United States and the Soviet Union has become a Russian one-way street.

A former chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, said recently he thinks this may be the wrong time to attempt a Salt II treaty. Therefore, informed persons should urge the Senate even to vote against ratification of the Salt II agreement.

Sincerely yours,
Dr. Alexander V. Berkis

Mr. Lloyd Vaughan
The Times-Virginian
Appomattox, Va. 24522
Dear Mr. Vaughan,

We want to say a hearty "thank you" to the people of Appomattox County and to the Junior Woman's Club for allowing Tim to be a part of the Skate-A-Thon to benefit childhood cancer. No one knows better than we do what it means to hear the dreaded words, "It's cancer."

We also know the joy of having Tim's condition arrested and watching him live a happy, normal life. We want to thank everyone for their help during his illness and since that time.

We would like to thank the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club for hard work, effort and concern they put into the Appomattox Skate-A-Thon in order that it might be successful. Anyone who has been through the heart breaking experience of childhood cancer, as we have, knows that the money will be used for research and the study of childhood cancer. We know how much that it is needed in order that a cure may be found.

To those children and adults skating in the Skate-A-Thon, we are so proud of you; the money you collect may help another child be cured of cancer.

We want to thank Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones for their generosity in donating the skating rink and skates for those participating and for their time and work to make the Skate-A-Thon a success. Again, we say thanks to the Junior Woman's Club for taking on the ASK project.

God bless everyone of you,
Tim, Patsy, Connie
and Sammy Woodson

To The Editor

I am a young dog owner in Appomattox County. Although I do not have a vote, I absolutely oppose the leash law for Appomattox. If this law is made, it will not only affect pets but the children. When it affects children, you had better think twice!

J. C. Rogers, Jr.
age 12

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Letter To The Editor
To: Whom It May Concern

The entire membership of the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club deeply regret any misunderstanding which might have resulted over any incidents in connections with the "ASK" Skate-A-Thon.

We would first like to clarify that all proceeds from this event will be donated to the Association For The Study of Childhood Cancer (ASK) and not the American Cancer Society as some have been led to believe, although we feel both are worthwhile causes.

We acknowledge that this was the first time our club had organized an event of this nature and certain phases of it might have been handled differently or better. However, we must defend our position in instituting and enforcing certain rules during the event.

It is our contention that had we attempted to organize such an activity without some rules, certainly the whole group would have suffered as a result. We feel that any child old enough to participate in the Skate-A-Thon was also old enough to follow a few, simple rules concerning breaks and use of the game machines. Adequate rest times were provided and moderate use of the machines was permitted during breaks. Skate-A-Thon regulations were clearly stated at the beginning of each activity and announced numerous times during the event to avoid any confusion. The fact that the majority of participants had no difficulty complying with the rules stands as proof that the rules were clearly within reason.

It was the sincere desire of our organization that every person who participated in the event might have skated the full time. It was only after **repeated unheeded** warnings that any child was disqualified from the event; and then, not so much as a means of punishment but rather in fairness to the skaters who were making a genuine effort to abide by the rules.

Both warnings and disqualifications were issued in a quiet, unobtrusive manner and we, of the Junior Woman's Club categorically deny charges that any member of our organization embarrassed or ridiculed any person in connection with the event.

Our treatment of one particular child has been questioned. If we may clear the record, the child in question was not actually disqualified from the event. She had been warned by a Skate-A-Thon official, but the decision to leave the event was of her own accord.

In organizing the Skate-A-Thon, it was the hope of our club to have a "Fun" activity which would serve to benefit victims of childhood cancer. We had hoped that mere statement of the rules would be sufficient and that no actual rule enforcement would be necessary. Regretfully, this was not the case and we had to discipline some in order to be fair to all.

May we commend the majority of skaters who indeed did make the Skate-A-Thon a "fun" event. We sincerely hope that the hours they have given to help young cancer victims will not be tarnished by one isolated incident.

Sincerely,
The Appomattox Junior
Woman's Club, Inc.

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The Bible And Daily Living

By Dr. William L. Trimyer

LOVE AS A WAY OF LIFE

Lesson for April 29, 1979

Background Scripture:
I Corinthians 12:31-13:13
The Hollowness of Words

Words, words, words. Daily we are bombarded with words. We scatter words each day as dust in the wind. Paul confronted the Corinthian Christians concerning the gifts of speech. Without love, he argues, words may have a hollow ring. Even the words "I love you" may be empty of feeling, for love, authentic love, reveals itself in action.

Being eloquent with words can be a plus and a minus. Some people use words to manipulate others in order to get what they want out of life. Christians, ministers and lay people alike, run into trouble with words to the point of confusion.

Talk is cheap. Wordiness sometimes produces a negative response. Too much "God talk" may turn others away from Christ and His church rather than having the way for embracing Him and the church.

Love is more than words and actions. Without love, even faith falters and hits below the level of productiveness.

Paul also makes the distinction between charity and love. Many people are charitable but do not love. For instance, one may perform benevolent acts without real concern for the people who benefit from the benevolence.

True love, argues Paul, is a matter of warmth and compassion. It involves not merely the giving of things, but the giving of self.

Love in Action

Paul describes love using a number of action verbs. He does this to stress an important point, namely, that love reaches beyond mere feeling to actual expression.

Paul also uses a group of negatives to describe what love isn't. I think Paul is essentially saying that love is characterized vulnerability.

Love is never so real as when we are able to open ourselves up to another human being.

Love means investing yourself in another person (s), opening yourself up to be known for who you are. And authentic love accepts another individual, warts and all!

Authentic love is no "bargain alley" experience; love is not cheap to buy or keep. What does love do? Love "bears all things," continuing on through the thick and thin of it. Love "believes all things," trusting the other person until they prove themselves untrustworthy. Love also "hopes all things." Two people who think and love positively will find their relationship a growing and exciting one. Finally, love "endures all things." Love enables us to weather the fiercest of life's storms.

The Ageless Wonder

Few things last indefinitely in our world. Flowers in Spring soon lose themselves to the hot sun of Summer. People grow old and die. Most all things come to an end. "All good things must come to an end," it has been said.

Paul argues that one thing is sure in life, namely, love abides forever. Love originates from God in Christ. God is love, and love will endure even as He endures.

Many of life's experiences and life's material pleasures will pass on, but love, fully revealed in the Person of Jesus, abides continuously.

Love is Paul's "more excellent way" of relating to people and situations. Love accomplishes far more than bitterness and hatred. Love is the attitude that sets all things right.

(Dr. Trimyer is Pastor of Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin, VA.)

Heavy Rainfalls Indicate Problem Areas

Many farmers are still shaking their heads in disbelief at the amount of hard rain which fell on their land and caused serious soil erosion during the last few months. But the unusual weather conditions may have a real side benefit.

"This has given us a good look at land which has problems with too much water," says District Conservationist Robert E. McClenny, Jr. of the Soil Conservation Service, (SCS).

"We have a lot of trouble trying to deal with too much water and a careful study of your land after a heavy rainfall can indicate where you might need conservation to improve crop conditions."

The District Conservationist said that remedial measures and range from land shaping to grassed waterways, from field borders to diversions or terraces. In some cases, either tile drainage or field ditches might be needed.

In addition, reduced tillage practices of the type often recommended by SCS will help protective crop residue on the land - another way of handling moisture. And on certain rolling land, stripcropping - alternate rows of varied crops - is also valuable in avoiding erosion from too much rainfall.

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Mr. Via is a graduate of Lane High School in Charlottesville, Randolph Macon College in Ashland, and the Candler School of Theology of Emory University, in Atlanta. He has also participated in the Advanced Study Seminar in Urban Planning of the Brookings Institution. He served with the U.S. Army in Japan from 1946 to 1949, and held a commission as a Chaplain in the Naval Reserve for a number of years.

Rev. Via has been pastor of the Shady Dale Circuit in Georgia, and churches in Richmond, New Market, Hopewell, and Arlington. From 1972 to 1978, he was pastor of the Virginia Beach United Methodist Church.He has been at Greene Memorial since 1978.He is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, Tau Kappa Alpha, and Phi Gamma Mu. He has published articles, poems, and religious articles in a number of publications. He is married to the former Carolyn Wood Vance, of Chilhowie. They have three children.

Mr. Via is presently the president of the Virginia Conference Board of Discipleship, a trustee of Randolph-Macon College at Ashland, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Virginia Conference Council on Ministries.

Evening services will begin at 8 p.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Mr. Via will also preach at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday. Special music will be provided by the pastor, and others. On April 27, his topic will be, "A New Look at Old Sin," based on I Timothy 1:12-17. The text will be, "This saying is full and worthy of sure acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." On Saturday, he will preach on "Seeing Life Whole," Colossians 2:6-10. ". . . you have come to fullness of life in Him." Sunday morning, he will speak on "The Idea of the Holy," Isaiah 35:1-10, "And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way." He will close Sunday evening with "Will I Lay Down My Life?", John 13:31-38, "Lord, why cannot I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you."

The public is invited to participate in this unusual opportunity.

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Activity Night will be held at the Appomattox Middle School on Monday, May 7, 1979 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Admission will be 25c and a chance on the door prize will be 50c. Various games and activities will be provided by the Middle School Clubs. Come on out and enjoy a night of family fun.

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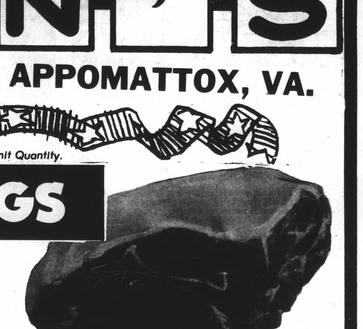

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